

## House Resolution No. 493

**Whereas**, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Missouri organizations which are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of historic resources to illustrate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

**Whereas**, The Howard School Preservation Association of Warrensburg, Missouri, has devoted itself to restoring the second-oldest segregated African-American school in the state for use as a historical museum and community activities building; and

**Whereas**, built in 1888, Howard School was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on February 14, 2002, after use as a city and county educational facility until desegregation in 1955, the temporary site for the Johnson County Public Library, and the meeting place for Warrensburg kindergarten classes, and for religious services until its abandonment in the late 1980s; and

**Whereas**, named after General Oliver Otis Howard, Howard School when renovated, will house an educational and cultural center and museum to promote greater awareness of the significant contributions of west-central Missouri's African-American community and to foster an enhanced appreciation for the value and importance of cultural diversity; and

**Whereas**, serving as a focus in the fight against disuse and degradation that can destroy an older area's atmosphere and attractions, The Howard School Preservation Association will receive a prestigious 2003 Missouri Preservation McReynolds Award for outstanding commitment to local historic preservation at a special awards ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Wednesday, February 26, 2003; and

**Whereas**, founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust, Missouri Preservation is a grassroots network of individuals, organizations, and commissions from throughout the state with its headquarters centrally located in Columbia, and is the only non-profit preservation organization in the state:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of The Howard School Preservation Association and to convey to its members and officers this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as the organization receives a well-deserved 2003 McReynolds Award from Missouri Preservation; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of The Howard School Preservation Association of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative David Pearce  
District No. 121

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 493, adopted February 25, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker